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by **Veritas Aequitas** » Thu Dec 26, 2024 4:54 am

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> Daniel J. Lavender
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- https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Idea
  Etymology
  History
  Philosophy
  Plato
  René Descartes
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  Wilhelm Wundt
  Charles Sanders Peirce
  G. F. Stout and J. M. Baldwin
  Walter Benjamin
  In anthropology and the social sciences

The general view of what is an idea;

> In common usage and in philosophy, **ideas** are the results of thought.[1] Also in philosophy, ideas can also be mental representational images of some object.

However, it appear yours is aligned with Plato's:

> Many philosophers have considered **ideas** to be a fundamental ontological category of being.

Plato's ideas are outdated [as irrational] within modern philosophy but the later philosophers like Locke, Hume, Kant and other listed above aligned with a more rational and realistic view.

I believe it is critical you get familiar with the above [if you are not] to understand where your position on 'existence is infinite' stands within rationality and critical thinking in philosophy.

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To ensure the apple exists as really real, it must be verified and justified as real via the science-biology FS.
Why the apple is real? it is because the science-biology FS said so which is most credible and objective.
Generally we do not qualify the existence of the apple to the science-biology FS but merely imply it can be backed by it.
If some other lay-person insist it is 'real' without an implied reference to the science-biology FS, that is not credible because it could be an illusory apple from a hallucination or in other cases, as a mirage in a desert.
In addition, if I say the apple is beautiful, it is **subjective** and cannot be verified and justified as highly objective.

Humans experience space.
Space can be verified and justified as real within the science-physics FS.
To insist space is infinite is not tenable because it is impossible to verify and justified 'an infinite space' within the most credible and objective science-physics FS.
In this case, the idea of infinite is a subjective thought that is predicated to space and since it cannot be verified and justified as objective it can only be illusory.

It is the same with the term 'existence'.

Thus whatever thing-X you predicate with 'existence' and 'infinite' these terms do not establish the thing-X as objectively real.

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The Earth is [existing, in Existence] is meaningless and not objective.
As I had argued, the term 'existence' is merely a copula to join [in this case] the Earth to some predicate.

What is objective is this:
The Earth is [exists as, existing as, in Existing as] a real planet within our Solar system is verified and justified objectively within the science-physics-cosmology FS.
As you can see, the term 'existence' is not significant and irrelevant to establish the Earth is a real planet.

The term "is" [exists as, existing as, in Existing as] is merely a copula, it cannot be an ordinary object that can be predicated with the term 'infinite'.
As such, the statement 'existence is infinite' is meaningless in real terms.

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To encompass your thoughts in the OP **effectively** [ignoring the irrational and irrelevant] the more appropriate statement could be;

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The question is then how to verify and justify all-there-is [not as a unify whole but only refer to its parts thereof] is real.
This is where the conditional and grounding FS is necessary.

Next is how to use the above to facilitate and motivate the well-being, progress, flourishing of the individual[s] and therefrom humanity toward the ideal of perpetual peace.

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That is relative as it can be argued saying "existence is infinite" is far more complicated than just saying "occurence".

Occurence is being as being is inseperable from movement as movement allows change and with change the manifestation of distinctions.

It is far more simpler to say "existence is" than saying "existence is x". Existence is not fixed except as a transitional process.

The four laws I am arguing are horribly simple and their simplicity allows them to be seen in anything, thus they can go as deep as one desires, or not deep at all, or both, or just ignored entirely. There is no law as to how to see the laws other than the laws itself for these laws are occurences, a transitional process of awareness. They are a conceptual raft to cross a river and once the river is crossed the raft is left behind.

If existence is all, and what I state is thus part of existence, who are you to state what is correct and incorrect when the existence is justification by the act of being...no intentions of being rude, but I have to be frank.

Like I said, your argument is well articulated and requires a deep discipline in the art of rhetoric, but it is only a partial truth.

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It isn't problematic. The terminology works.

However your presented premise is problematic.

The premise attempts to merge fantasy, or illusion, with reality. It presents reality as "all-there-is" including fantasy. That is erroneous.

Fantasy is fantasy, reality is reality. Regardless if you construe fantasy as delusion.

While fantasy and reality are different they both are existence. The philosophy presented here allows for that dynamic while remaining congruous. Your premise does not.

Your premise acknowledges fantasy or illusion, dismissing it as delusion, while integrating it into reality as reality. It is confounding, it is fallacious.

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I have not gone that far, but ultimately whatever is reality is grounded on experience, i.e. the a priori experiences of all living things evolving and resulting to what is human, plus whatever is a posteriori will be a priori [if significant] in the future.

So whatever is real must be experienced or possible to be experienced.
One can have an experience say perception of a mirage, the consideration of realness is very critical.
The perception of a mirage exists as real within the person, but that which is perceived need to be verified and justified as real.
In this case, existence is not critical, what is critical is reality because survival is at stake with reference to reality, i.e. not chasing for real water in a mirage in the desert and ending dead. [where the known real alternative is a bit further in the opposite direction ]

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